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OREGON WEATHER

Tonight fair, with frost;
Tuesday fair, warmer except
near the coast. Westerly winds.

MONDAY, MAY 22, 1916.

IRISH DOUBT OF HOME RULE

The greatest of Hebrew sages said: "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick." There are Irishmen who feel that this was one cause of the Irish rebellion. The proclamation of the republic said nothing about home rule; it declared for Irish independence, says the Globe-Democrat. But this is not proof that the procrastination in making the long-promised home-rule statute effective was not in a large measure responsible for the desperate revolt. John Redmond argues otherwise. When his position is considered, his stand is diplomatic. He must bear in mind British opinion. He attacks the rebels as foes of home rule. He charges that German intrigue was responsible for the uprising. He dwells on the number of Irish soldiers fighting for the empire. He uses the nonparticipation of the great mass of the Irish population in the rebellion as proof that only a few misguided enthusiasts were involved. He may be sincere in all this, but whether he is or not, it is the only course he could take, with the hope of promoting home rule. His references to France, historic friend of Ireland, are well designed to touch Irish sentiment. No one doubts that Mr. Redmond believes that his plan of home rule is the best obtainable government for Ireland, and he has not given up hope of procuring it. Every word he has said and every step he has taken have been with that in view.

Disinterested observers, however, are not trammelled as he is in studying and discussing the facts. They can not forget British leniency to distinguished Ulster rebels: Sir Edward Carson, rewarded by a cabinet position, and Sir John French, in command of the domestic army. There was no obvious military advantage in postponing home rule. A suspicious people found many indications of English partiality for Ulster. They had reasons to suspect that there was some secret agreement against good faith. Ulster's present protest against immediate home rule strengthens the suspicion. This suspicion is not confined to Ireland, either. If England really intends to give home rule to Ireland it should show some tangible evidence of its intentions. All the superficial indications point in the other direction. The Irish rebellion may be suppressed, but there has been nothing in the conduct of the government to make Irishmen enthusiastic for the empire.

Roseburg is voting this week upon a bond issue for the building of a railroad by the municipality to the timbered districts, a great sawmill to be constructed by private interests if the road is built. A recent issue of the Roseburg Review contained a comprehensive article written by Dr. Ed Bywater, of this city, telling what had happened to Grants Pass since the voting of the \$200,000 bond issue for the starting of the railroad toward the coast. The doctor detailed all the various industries and enterprises that had come to the city since the voting of the bonds upon the strength of the new railroad, and the article was used as campaign thunder by the friends of the Roseburg bond issue.

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BATTLE AT VERDUN
AGAIN RENEWED

Paris, May 22.—French counter-attacks have driven Germans from strong positions on both sides of the Meuse river in a heavy renewal of the battle at Verdun, according to official announcement today. The Germans charged again and again in desperate efforts to regain the lost terrain, but every assault was defeated.

The heaviest of fighting continued throughout Sunday, marking the beginning of the fourth month of Verdun—the world's greatest battle. West of Dead Man's hill, already littered with corpses, the Germans time after time tried to widen their gains made in Saturday's fighting. Each assault was met by a curtain of fire, which threw back the grey ranks, and the French, seizing the opportunity for counter-attacks, plunged into the confused Teuton masses and regained part of the ground lost Saturday. On the Meuse east bank the French captured a trench adjoining the shattered ruins of Vaux village. During the night the Germans made a moonlight attack on Haudremont quarries, but met with disaster, their columns being blown to bits by a concentrated French fire. The quarries were taken by the French Sunday.

Germans rolled dense clouds of poison gas toward French lines in the Champagne, then charged with bayonets, said the communiqué. As the helmeted lines came on a sudden shift in the wind sent the deadly vapors back upon the Teutons. They were overwhelmed and the assault defeated.

Aviators on both sides were reported increasingly active. Three

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German aeroplanes which engaged in sky duels with French flyers were wrecked. In the Verdun region well directed French fire punctured six German captive balloons containing observers and they fell. German aviators swooped down upon Dunkirk this morning, showering bombs into the streets. There were several French air raids Saturday night and early Sunday a French flying fleet shelled railway stations at Metz, Avricourt and Roye and munitions depots and camps at Blaches, Chapelote and Jimitz. Two French dirigibles attacked railroad stations and tracks at Brioules-Dunn.

NOTICE TO CUT
GRASS AND WEEDS

To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that the ordinances of the city of Grants Pass require owners and occupants of any lot, tract or parcel of land within the corporate limits to keep such lot, parcel or tract of land, together with the street, sidewalk and alley abutting thereon, free from growing grass or vegetation over three inches tall, excepting grass or crops raised in the ordinary course of husbandry, and every such owner or occupant of such premises is required prior to the first day of June, 1916, to cause to be cut and removed or destroyed any such grass or vegetation.

It is further provided that in case of neglect or failure to comply, said grass or vegetation shall be cut and destroyed by the city under the direction of the street superintendent, and the expense thereof shall be charged against the property and made a lien against the same to be enforced by the sale of such property. It is further provided that the owner or occupant of any lot or parcel of land within said city who shall fail to comply with the above provisions shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Compliance herewith is required for the protection of the city against conflagration and for the maintenance of sanitation and the appearance of the city.

You will avoid costs and penalties, and save the taxpayers from many expensive fire calls by giving this your prompt attention.

C. E. McLANE,

754 City Marshal.

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NELMS SISTERS ARE
REPORTED ALIVE

Snohomish, Wash., May 22.—While Victor E. Innes and his wife were taken from their home in Eugene, Ore., to stand trial for the murder of Mrs. Eloise Nelms Dennis and Miss Beatrice Nelms at San Antonio, Tex., the two women were living in Snohomish, according to the newest developments in the famous mystery case. They are believed to be living now at Seward, Alaska.

The disappearance of the two sisters two years ago under mysterious circumstances, followed by the discovery of human bones near San Antonio, led to the belief they had been murdered. Marshall Nelms, a brother of the women, swore to the complaint charging his brother-in-law, Innes, and his wife with the murder. They were tried, but not convicted.

The mystery continued as deep as ever until today, when former City Attorney M. J. McGuinness of Snohomish concluded a preliminary investigation begun at the request of a man named Britt Craig, of Atlanta, Georgia.

According to Craig, the Nelms sisters were close acquaintances of a man named Paul Buckley in the south and he left there about the same time the sisters disappeared. Buckley has been traced to Snohomish by Craig.

On Saturday last Craig wired McGuinness to see Buckley and ask him if he knew the whereabouts of the Nelms sisters. The Buckley referred to came here about two years ago with a Mrs. Buckley and her sister. They left for Alaska about a year ago, after Buckley had been in the saloon business in Snohomish for eight months. McGuinness was Buckley's attorney. He knew Mrs. Buckley and also had heard her sister referred to as "Beatrice." He does not remember ever hearing her surname.

Buckley is described as a well built, fine looking man, weighing about 200. He was about 40 years of age. His height was about five feet eleven inches.

Mrs. Buckley, believed to be Mrs. Nelms Dennis, is described as a woman of about 35, well built, vigorous vitality, dark complexioned.

In November, 1914, the Buckleys closed up their business affairs here and shortly afterward moved to Alaska, according to McGuinness. The latter is not sure whether the younger sister accompanied them.

McGuinness had attended to some legal business involving some property for Mrs. Buckley in Seattle. He remembers that the property was held in some other name than that of Buckley.

A cablegram from Seward, Alaska, received by the attorney last July from Buckley said he was going prospecting.

No reason is given for the inexplicable silence of Miss Nelms and her sister, if they are alive, when their brother-in-law and his wife were accused of murder.

CANNONADING INDICATES
BATTLE IN THE BALTIC

Copenhagen, May 22.—Violent cannonading has been heard in the Baltic sea, off the Swedish coast, according to Stockholm reports. The belief is expressed that Russian and German fleets are engaged.

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